

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS
AT CHELSEA

For The Year Ending Nov. 30, 1937

[Third Annual Report under Acts of 1931, effective December 1, 1934.]
General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 6.



LEGACIES TO THE SOLDIERS' HOME

As legacies intended for this Home may be lost by defects in the phraseology by which bequests are made, it is desirable that the subjoined form should be carefully followed by persons desiring to leave money to the institution.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of.....
.....dollars, the same to be paid by my executor to the
person who shall act as treasurer of said Corporation, at the time when the
same shall be payable.

SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICERS

1936-1937

President, COL. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE *Secretary*, CHARLES P. DOYLE

TRUSTEES

JAMES BUCHANAN, JR., Chelsea	JOHN M. GRAY, Salem
CHARLES P. DOYLE, Malden	WILLIAM J. KEVILLE, Belmont
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J. LEO SULLIVAN, Peabody	

Officers of the Home

Commandant, LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY

<i>Adjutant</i> , JOSEPH E. MARTIN	<i>Asst. Surgeon</i> , LEWIS GLAZER, M.D.
<i>Chief Engineer</i> , BERNARD LAUGHLIN	<i>Asst. Surgeon</i> , LOUIS FINCLE, M.D.
<i>Surgeon</i> , WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD, M.D.	<i>Chaplain</i> , REV. BENJAMIN SEABOYER

Consulting Surgeons

Dr. KARL R. BAILEY, Boston	Dr. OLGA LEARY, Boston
Dr. FREDERICK L. BOGAN, Boston	Dr. TIMOTHY LEARY, Boston
Dr. PAUL F. BUTLER, Boston	Dr. STEPHEN MALLETT, Boston
Dr. EDWARD E. COVITZ, Boston	Dr. CHARLES MCCARTHY, Boston
Dr. CHARLES W. DEWOLFE, Boston	Dr. RICHARD H. MILLER, Boston
Dr. DANA W. DRURY, Boston	Dr. RAYMOND J. NAGLE, Boston
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Dr. ISADORE GREEN, Boston	Dr. EUGENE M. POLLARD, Boston
Dr. THOMAS HENNESSY, Boston	Dr. BENJAMIN W. RUDMAN, Boston
Dr. HERBERT H. HOWARD, Boston	Dr. CHANNING C. SIMMONS, Boston
Dr. ARTHUR R. KIMPTON, Boston	Dr. EDWARD A. SUPPLE, Boston

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

November 30, 1937.

To the Board of Trustees:

GENTLEMEN:—The fifty-fifth annual report of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, including the reports of the various executive officers of the Home, is herewith submitted.

With a marked increase in the number of applications by veterans for hospital treatment and care the need for enlarged hospital facilities, and accommodations for individual cases, where isolation is advisable, becomes more apparent.

The alterations to Sargent Hall are progressing favorably, and on completion, expected about March 1, 1938, this building will have been completely renovated and substantially modernized.

During the year the morale of the members has been enhanced by the continuing helpful contributions of the many veterans' welfare associations, to whom we express our warmest gratitude.

The Trustees should feel a deep sense of satisfaction in the quality and efficiency of the services uniformly rendered by the officers of the Home, which cannot but merit approval by all who have an opportunity to observe their earnest endeavor in the interest of the Home population.

WILLIAM J. KEVILLE, *Chairman,*
Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE ACTING TREASURER

November 30, 1937.

To the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts:

I respectfully submit the following report of the finances of this institution for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1937.

INCOME STATEMENT

Personal Service:		
Reimbursement from Board of Retirement		\$77.15
Sales:		
Food (Garbage)	\$264.00	
Clothing and Materials (Books, Clothing, P. N.)	97.00	
Medical Care to Injuries (W.P.A.)	2.10	
Medical Reports	11.00	
Miscellaneous (Junk)	194.04	
Bones and Grease	597.21	
Commission on Telephone	237.75	
Total Sales		\$1,403.10
Other Receipts:		
Refunds: Previous Years		877.84
Total Transferred to State Treasurer		<u>\$2,358.09</u>

STATUS OF APPROPRIATION

Maintenance Appropriation

Receipts:		
Inventory brought forward from 1936		\$11,684.88
Appropriation — Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1937	\$309,900.00	
Appropriation — Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1936	1,654.47	
Total		\$311,554.47
Appropriation — U. S. Government		<u>\$55,355.63</u>
Total Receipts		<u>\$378,594.98</u>

Disbursements:

	Total 1937 Expenses	1936 a/c Payable	
Personal Services	\$174,248.93		\$174,248.93
Food	100,609.60	\$5.67	100,603.93
Medical and General Care	22,598.92	55.64	22,543.28
Religious Instruction	1,128.00		1,128.00
Heat, Light, and Power	26,374.80	109.22	26,265.58
Travel, Transportation, and Office Expense	4,016.60	29.02	3,987.58
Garage and Grounds	2,462.02	4.81	2,457.21
Clothing and Materials	3,809.51	1,364.85	2,444.66
Furnishings and Household Supplies	12,338.28		12,338.28
Repairs (Ordinary)	8,369.77	85.26	8,284.51
Repairs and Renewals	10,087.93		10,087.93
Totals	<u>\$366,044.36</u>	<u>\$1,654.47</u>	<u>\$364,389.89</u>
Balance as of November 30, 1937			\$366,044.36
Carried Forward to 1937:			
Inventory	\$12,389.69		12,550.62
Transferred to State Treasurer	160.93		<u>\$378,594.98</u>

Special Appropriations

	Appropriation and Bal. Brt. Fwd.	Total Expenditures to Date	Balance Appropriation
P. W. A., Docket 5439 (New Dormitory)	\$5,510.92	\$5,510.92*
Dormitory Furnishings, etc. Chapter 304, Acts of 1936 Construction (Retaining Wall), Chapter 304, Acts of 1936	574.64 322.09	431.49 321.75	\$143.15 .34
Finish Top Floor (Nurses' Dormitory), Chapter 234, Acts of 1937	6,500.00	6,500.00
Renovating Sargent Hall, Chapter 234, Acts of 1937	50,000.00	1,677.61	48,322.39
Total Special Appropriations	<u>\$62,907.65</u>	<u>\$7,941.77</u>	<u>\$54,965.88</u>

*Reverted.

Per Capita Costs

Average Number Patients per day	496	
Total Maintenance Expense	\$366,044.36	
Weekly Per Capita Cost		\$14.28
Total Receipts	2,358.09	
Weekly Per Capita Income09
Total Maintenance Expense (less Total Receipts)	<u>\$363,686.27</u>	<u>\$14.19</u>

LEGACY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Cash on hand December 1, 1936	\$17,952.45	
Income from investment Legacy	5,795.55	
Additional endowment	5,000.00	
Securities redeemed	7,875.00	
Total Receipts		\$36,623.00

Payments

Payments from investment Legacy	\$4,647.73	
Additional investments	28,158.38	
Total Payments		\$32,806.11
Cash on hand, November 30, 1937		<u>\$3,816.89</u>

Securities

Deposited in the First National Bank of Boston (Savings Department at 1½%) \$5,000.00

Bonds:

\$5,000 U. S. Treasury 3¼%, 1941	5,045.31
15,000 U. S. Treasury 3½%, 1949	15,000.00
5,000 Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy R.R., 4%, 1958	4,787.50
6,000 N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R.R., Deb., 3½%, 1954	4,782.00
5,000 St. Louis, San Francisco A C/D, 4½%, 1978	4,287.50
5,000 Appalachian Electric Power, 5%, 1956	4,918.75
6,000 Boston Elevated R.R. 4½%, 1941	5,610.00
6,000 Consolidated Edison Co., of N. Y., 3¼%, 1946	6,362.51
6,000 Florida Power & Light Est. Mfg., 5%, 1954	5,867.00
4,000 Shell Union Oil, Deb., 3½%, 1951	3,875.00
5,000 Tide Water Associated Oil, 3½%, 1952	4,887.50

Stocks:

30 Shares New York Central R.R.	4,083.06
57 Shares Penn. R.R.	3,304.89
30 Shares American Tel. & Tel. Co., 9%	4,287.80
150 Shares General Electric Co., 1.20%	3,912.50
50 Shares General Motors Corp., 1%	3,298.60
43 Shares Standard Oil Co., of N. J., 1%	2,960.88
20 Shares Union Carbide & Carbon, 3.20%	2,164.40
12 Shares Utah Consolidated Mining Co.

Preferred Stock:

25 Shares Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R.	2,541.13
20 Shares Boston & Albany R.R., 8.75%	3,681.75
50 Shares Chicago Jct. R.R. & Union Stock Yards, 6%	5,549.50
40 Shares United States Steel Corp., 7%	5,760.00

\$111,967.58

EFFECTS ACCOUNT

Cash on hand, December 1, 1936	\$5,194.67
No Receipts—No Payments
Balance, November 30, 1937	\$5,194.67

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA M. CALLAHAN,
Acting Treasurer.

Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY,
Comptroller.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT

November 30, 1937.

TO WILLIAM J. KEVILLE,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

SIR:—I respectfully submit report of this office covering the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1937 including Adjutant, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and Chaplains.

The number of admissions during the year were 1550 an increase of 486 over the previous year. The average daily census was 496 including a daily average of 266 in the Hospital.

Visits have been made by the various veterans' organizations and affiliated bodies during the year and they have contributed greatly to the comfort and entertainment of the patients in the hospital. To these patriotic organizations and associations I desire to express my sincere thanks for their loyal co-operation and continued interest.

The customary Memorial Services were held on Memorial Day and the graves of deceased comrades were flagged and decorated at Forestdale Cemetery, Malden and Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Catholic Services had been conducted during the year under the direction of Rev. Thomas Walsh, Our Lady of Grace Church and Protestant Services were under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Seaboyer.

Fifty thousand dollars was appropriated by the State Legislature for the renovation of Sargent Hall Dormitory. Plans and specifications were made by the John M. Gray Company of Boston and the contract awarded to Steed Barber Corporation, the lowest bidder. The alterations and improvements consisted of removing all interior combustible construction and replaced with fire-proof material, the plumbing, electric and heating systems completely renewed, the wooden fire escapes replaced with iron ones and the exterior of the building remodeled to harmonize with the new buildings of the Home.

The sum of six thousand five hundred dollars was authorized by the State Legislature for the finishing and furnishing of the top floor of the Nurses Dormitory. Work is now in progress and will be completed by July 1, 1938.

One W.P.A. project, started December, 1936 and still in operation is unique, inasmuch as, *it is the only project of its type operating within the Commonwealth.* It is under the supervision of an engineer experienced in office and record procedure. Not only are the records in the office of the Commandant being transcribed, catalogued and cross indexed, but in addition a survey is being conducted, not only of this institution, but of other similar institutions with the intent of giving to the Massachusetts Soldiers' Home a set-up second to none.

Already much has been accomplished. Since its origin, the Home has past through many changes in administration with the usual change in procedure.

The entire records for the first 50 years have been reviewed and those records pertinent to permanency have been segregated from those made ready for inspecting and condemning by the Commonwealth.

Further, the record folders of some 13,500 Members have been rearranged in standard form and will be permanently stapled in a standard folder, properly indexed, for ready reference. A Master Card is being prepared for the office of the Commandant which will carry the complete history and record of the Member. The plates and records of the X-Ray Room have been rearranged in a convenient file. Also, there has been compiled a complete set of statistics covering, not only the membership, but the cost of operation as well. Graphs are being prepared covering these statistics which should prove invaluable to the management. These statistics and graphs are being accumulated with the view in mind of writing a complete history of the Home. The records and procedure of both the Dental and Outpatient Departments will be surveyed and these two departments brought up to a point of marked efficiency. Some 23,500 diagnoses and 4,100 causes of death have been catalogued according to the accepted universal standard classifications. A standard formulary is being compiled for the pharmacy, which is to be printed in pamphlet form. A survey is also being made of all the neuropsychosis cases to determine when the peak load of the veteran of the World War will be reached.

If space permitted other work being accomplished by this Project incidental to the record procedure of the Soldiers' Home could be listed, but already sufficient of the picture has been presented to prove the value of the Project, not only to the Home itself, but as a guide to other institutions within the Commonwealth.

It is recommended that requests be made to the Legislature for an appropriation to extend the basement of the Power Plant for utility purposes, as space for the housing of cars and storage of equipment is acutely needed.

It is further recommended that an appropriation be requested by the Legislature to extend the existing Laundry Building sixty feet as the floor space of the Laundry is most inadequate to efficiently carry on the increasing requirements of the Laundry Service.

In the Hospital alterations and improvements have been made to meet increasing operating needs. Divisions were made in large areas permitting needed and necessary isolation and reducing exaggerated noise for the comfort of seriously sick patients.

Various activities have been consolidated to facilitate service and efficient operation. Improvements have been made in the Dietary Service and food is now more palatable to patients.

The many improvements made during the year to improve medication, comfort of members and upkeep of property, were made mostly by W.P.A. Personnel at a small cost to the State for materials.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY,
Commandant.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT

November 30, 1937.

LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY, *Commandant*.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the fifty-fifth report from the records of this office covering the period December 1, 1936 through November 30, 1937.

STATISTICS

Present and absent, November 30, 1936 490

Number admitted during the year:

Civil War	None	
Indian Wars	3	
Spanish War	119	
Spanish and World War	6	
Mexican Border	1	
World War	959	
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Number re-admitted during the year:

Civil War	None	
Indian Wars	4	
Spanish War	179	
Spanish and World War	6	
Mexican Border	3	
World War	306	
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Number admitted and re-admitted during the year:

Civil War	None		
Indian Wars	7		
Spanish War	298		
Spanish and World War	12		
Mexican Border	4		
World War	1,265	1,586	1,586
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Total Cared for During the Year 2,076

Number discharged during the year 1,497

Number died during the year 83

Total Losses 1,580

Number present and absent, November 30, 1937 496

Number of admissions since Home was opened 13,869

Number of re-admissions since Home was opened 6,917

Total number cared for since Home was opened 20,786

Number of beds available in hospital 282

Number of beds available in barracks 167

Number of beds available in Home 496

Number of beds vacant None

Average age of admissions—20 years after each war:

Civil War	57.0
Spanish War	49.0
World War	40.5

NEWSPAPERS DONATED TO THE HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1937

Athol Daily News
 Athol Transcript
 Belmont Citizen
 Berkshire Eagle
 Boston American
 Boston Globe
 Boston Herald
 Boston Post
 Boston Record
 Boston Transcript
 Bridgewater Independent
 Brockton Enterprise
 Brockton Times
 Cambridge Chronicle
 Chelsea Record
 Christian Science Monitor
 Clinton Item
 Concord Herald
 Gardner News
 Haverhill Gazette
 Holyoke Telegram
 Lawrence Tribune

Leominster Enterprise
 Lowell Courier Citizen
 Lynn Item
 Medford Mercury
 Melrose Free Press
 Milford Gazette
 Natick Herald
 Needham Chronicle
 North Adams Transcript
 Quincy Ledger
 Salem News
 Southbridge News
 Springfield News
 Springfield Republican
 Stoneham Independent
 Weymouth Gazette
 Wakefield Item
 Taunton Gazette
 Waltham News-Tribune
 Worcester Gazette
 Worcester Post
 Worcester Telegram

ENTERTAINMENTS

During the last year, the following diversions were presented:

- 92 Moving Picture Shows
- 3 Vaudeville Shows
- 7 Beano Parties
- 2 Minstrel Shows
- 2 General Entertainment & Concert Programs
- 2 Glee Club Presentations
- 1 Hillbilly Show
- 2 Shows (By Members of the Home).

Total—111

To them we extend our warmest manifestations of gratitude, and we know that all the members of the Home join us in these expressions.

During the past year many of our friends have responded in generous manner by bringing to the Soldiers' Home a diversified and highly entertaining series of presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. MARTIN, Adjutant

REPORT OF THE SURGEON

LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY, *Commandant*
 Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, Mass.

November 30, 1937

SIR:

I have the honor to submit the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Medical Department for period beginning December 1, 1936 to November 30, 1937 inclusive.

The hospital still retains its rating with the American College of Surgeons and the State Board of Registration. The training school has graduated seven nurses.

The table of activities will show that the predictions of last year of the 10% increase in work have been far exceeded. Everything points to the fact that there will be a corresponding increase in the activities of the hospital in the year 1938. This increase can only be met in one way. The Board of Trustees and the State authorities must cooperate with us in order to expand the facilities of the institution to keep abreast with the demands made upon us.

I wish to call your attention again to the recommendations of the past year. With the exception of recommendations 6 and 7 no provisions have been made in the budget to meet these needs. This is a matter for your attention and for the attention of the Board of Trustees and the consideration of the State authorities.

The death rate for the year has been held down to 4:25% which compares favorably with the death rate since 1931 in spite of the tremendous change in the character of the work.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the Commandant who has always been helpful and cooperative. I wish also to thank particularly the doctors who worked long and hard to practice good medicine under such difficulties.

The average stay of the patients in the hospital has been reduced to about 45 days. This is in the face of the fact that there has been a large number of patients staying in the Hospital who could be easily transferred to the Home if there was the available bed space in the Home.

In closing, I wish to thank the entire personnel for their kindness and helpfulness in aiding us to accomplish our task this year and request the earnest cooperation of the Trustees to improve our facilities.

WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD, M.D.,
Surgeon

TABLE OF ACTIVITIES

Total number:	1937
Cared for (members)	1,997
Cared for temporarily-at-post	166
Operations (surgical)	329
Blood examinations:	
Wassermann	10
Hinton	1,890
Spinal fluids	64
Intravenous injections (anti-specific)	3,450
Hemorrhoid treatments	585
Physical examinations	2,948
Medical staff meetings	10
Dental clinic treatments	20,038
X-Ray examinations	1,437
Tuberculosis examinations	908
Urine analysis	5,632
Blood counts (complete)	1,060
Red count only	65
White count only	185
Blood coagulation time tests	14

Blood sugars	92
Blood calcium and phosphorous	1
Non-protein nitrogen tests	88
Phenol sulphonaphthalein tests	60
Mosenthals	108
Stool examinations	56
Gonococci smears	13
Vincent's smears	409
Gastric analyses	177
Icteric index	20
Electrocardiograms	230
Basal metabolisms	164
Prescriptions (pharmacy)	6,437
Sick call (out-patient)	12,949
Physiotherapy (out-patient)	10,004
Podiatry (out-patient)	800
Minor operations (out-patient)	40
Varicose veins (out-patient)	268
G. U. Clinic (out-patient)	16
G. C. Clinic (out-patient)	172
Rectal Clinic (out-patient)	285
Fracture Clinic (out-patient)	36

The disability percentages classified as to Wars are:

Civil War	100%	Spanish and World War	98%
Indian War	100%	Mexican Border	89%
Spanish War	99%	World War	76%

STATISTICS

Number of patients in hospital November 30, 1936	253	
Admitted on application	1,054	
Readmitted	487	
Transferred from barracks	203	
		1,997
Number discharged during the year	1,003	
Died in the hospital during the year	85	
Number dropped from rolls	74	
Transferred to the barracks	534	
		1,696
Patients in the hospital November 30, 1937	279	
Total number of patients cared for	1,997	
Daily average present in the hospital (members)	251.69	
Daily average in hospital (present and absent)	261.26	
Daily average present in hospital (temporarily-at-post)	4.81	
Total number of hospital days	91,615	
Total number of patients cared for temporarily-at-post	141	
Largest number in hospital	279	
Smallest number in hospital	237	
Classification on admission to hospital from all sources during the year:		
Civil War	7	
Indian War	7	
Spanish War	325	

Spanish and World War	11	
Mexican Border and World War	7	
Mexican Border	5	
World War	1,384	1,744
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Classification of discharges during the year:

Civil war	3	
Indian War	6	
Spanish War	207	
Spanish and World War	5	
Mexican Border	1	
Mexican Border and World War	2	
World War	779	1,003
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Classification of deaths during the year:

Civil War	7	
Indian War	1	
Spanish	36	
Spanish and World War	1	
Mexican Border	1	
World War	39	85
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TABLE SHOWING THE WORK OF THE HOSPITAL SINCE 1920

	Average sick in Hospital	Admitted to Hospital during the year	Died during the year	In Hospital Nov. 30th	Treated in Hospital
1920	341.5	211	141	338	551
1921	316	247	139	325	585
1922	329.47	282	122	325	608
1923	340.9	324	123	351	648
1924	346.7	315	106	339	666
1925	336.25	303	109	345	642
1926	234.3	354	108	183	699
1927	212.43	441	68	221	626
1928	210.63	515	71	188	736
1929	207	669	85	197	857
1930	182.8	1,031	86	214	1,228
1931	222	810	38	235	1,024
1932	211	803	48	230	1,038
1933	191	839	61	195	1,069
1934	214.8	986	67	210	1,181
1935	249.2	942	50	222	1,157
1936	217.5	1,303	52	253	1,525
1937	251.69	1,744	85	253	1,997

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER CARED FOR, NUMBER OF DEATHS, AND PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN HOSPITAL FOR EACH YEAR SINCE 1920

Year	Total Number Cared for	Number of Deaths	Percentage of Deaths to Whole Number Cared for	Year	Total Number Cared for	Number of Deaths	Percentage of Deaths to Whole Number Cared for
1920 . . .	551	141	25.31	1929 . . .	857	85	9.9
1921 . . .	585	139	23.76	1930 . . .	1,228	86	7.
1922 . . .	608	122	20.06	1931 . . .	1,024	38	3.7
1923 . . .	648	123	19.99	1932 . . .	1,038	48	4.62
1924 . . .	666	106	15.91	1933 . . .	1,069	61	5.71
1925 . . .	642	109	16.99	1934 . . .	1,181	67	3.62
1926 . . .	699	108	15.44	1935 . . .	1,157	50	4.32
1927 . . .	626	68	10.77	1936 . . .	1,525	52	3.40
1928 . . .	738	71	9.6	1937 . . .	1,997	85	4.25

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD, M.D.,
Surgeon.

REPORT OF DENTAL DEPARTMENT

LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY, *Commandant*:

SIR:—The following is a tabulated report of work performed by the dental department from December 1, 1936 to December 1, 1937. It includes the various types of dental treatment, oral surgery, operative dentistry, prosthetic dentistry, X-ray, and anesthesia. Figured on a percentage basis, this report indicates an increase of about 35% over last year, this increase has been consistent over a period of four preceding years, necessitating the addition to our staff of a full-time resident dentist (Dr. Renth), and a dental mechanic.

It is obvious that 90% of the patients we treat are those needy veterans who through financial difficulties have been unable to obtain dental treatment, consequently their mouths are in a septic condition; frequently these patients are hospitalized for systemic troubles other than teeth, which must be cared for before the medical department can expect to get the best results with their treatment. These dental cases usually require dental surgery. At present, this type of dental surgery is done in our clinic where all other types of dental operations are performed, thereby increasing the possibility of infection during operation. I cannot emphasize too strongly the need of a separate operating-room, consisting of 1 dental chair, instrument sterilizer, 1 instrument cabinet, 1 small and 1 medium instrument-table, 1 sink with foot pedals, 1 small stand for sterilizing solution for hands, 1 small stand for pus basin, 1 dental gas machine.

The excellent results obtained in our last year's work has been very gratifying to me and I extend the most sincere thanks to the Commandant and Surgeon-in-chief who have given their most hearty co-operation. I wish also to thank Dr. Renth and the rest of the dental staff for their earnest efforts in our work.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS HENNESSY, D.M.D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC
DECEMBER 1, 1936 THRU NOVEMBER 30, 1937

Oral Examinations	1,994	Clean and Polish (Dentures)	17
Sittings	2,476	Extract Unerrupted teeth	3
Treatments	1,455	Curretage	25
Extractions (single)	1,156	Lanced Abscesses	35
Extractions (subsequent)	2,782	Repair Clasp	9
X-rays (single)	880	Stopped Hemorrhage	18
X-rays (full mouth)	811	Remove Tuberosity	1
Irrigations	281	Extra Clasps	2
Bedside Treatments	1,037	Repair (Compound fracture)	19
Alveolectomies (partial)	65	Injection, Alcohol	2
Alveolectomies (full)	16	Reset facing	4
Cysts	187	Root canal filling	1
Scaling (hours)	280	Remove Granuloma	9
Z. O. & E. fillings	202	Gold Foil Fillings	6
Amalgam fillings, 1 surface	138	Opened root canal	5
Amalgam " 2 surface	126	Porcelain Jacket	2
Amalgam " 3 surface	31	Reset Crown	6
Amalgam " 4 surface	20	Reset Gold Inlay	3
Cement "	63	Gold Inlay	1
Synthetic "	162	Remove Osseous growth	1
Full Dentures	469	X-rays, Occlusal	16
Lingual Bars (2 clasps)	16	Close Antrum	3
Partial uppers (2 clasps)	12	Reset Bridge	9
Partial Dentures (no clasps)	4	New Front (Denture)	7
Full Dentures (Luxene)	13	Remove filling	11
Repairs (simple)	35	Remove crown	2
" (1 tooth)	34	Gas Anesthesia	1
" (2 teeth)	11	Evapol "	1
" (3 teeth)	4	Repair (4 teeth)	3
Rebases (Full)	25	Remove residual infection	5
Extract (Impactions)	13	Repair Condyle	6
" (Retained roots)	32	Odontoma	1
Remove Bridge	10	X-ray, Lateral Jaw	30
Add tooth to bridge	2	Lanced Abscess (Face)	1
Gold crowns	2	General Anesthetic	3
Smear, Vincints	409	Fractured Mandible	3
Treat Vincints	4,491	Remove Epithelial Growth	2
Frenalectomy	4	Ridge Extension	2
Remove Sequestra	3	Muscle Resection	2
Bridge (2 teeth)	2	Incise Jaw (Drainage)	1
Bridge (4 teeth)	3	Remove Frenum Linguum	1
Bridge (6 teeth)	3	Curretage of Antrum	2

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN

HONORABLE LAWRENCE F. QUIGLEY, *Commandant*:—

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending November 30, 1937.

This is my twenty-sixth year as a member of the staff of this Home. It has been a great pleasure for me to serve the veterans of the Commonwealth and my work has been made exceptionally pleasant because of the full co-operation tendered me by the officers and the kind cordial spirit shown me by the membership.

It has been my happiness to visit with those confined in the hospital, and in my humble way encourage them to keep on smiling.

Also it is an extreme pleasure to me as I move through both the hospital and the barracks to hear all speak in the highest terms of the Officers, and especially of yourself and the marvelous work you are doing for them. They constantly remark of your extreme patience and your sympathetic understanding of their problems.

As this, another year, has rolled around, we find the ranks of those, Veterans of the Civil War, all but a memory. *However*, there is still one of this war attending my services, and he is Henry Bird, ninety-six years of age, a benediction to me, clean, neat and still keen and clear in mind.

The membership ranks are now filling up with those that rendered service in the Spanish and World Wars. May these veterans be the last in line.

On every Sunday morning Mass has been celebrated by the Clergy of Our Lady of Grace Church.

Respectfully submitted,

(REVEREND) BENJAMIN G. SEABOYER.

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